

Appl. No. 09/885,959

Reply to Office Action of: January 17, 2006

**REMARKS**

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for reviewing the present application.

**Double Patenting**

**Regarding 09/931,013:**

Claims 1-12 and 14-18 have been provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting in view of claims 1-16 of application no. 09/931,013 (the '013 application).

Applicant advises that a Notice of Abandonment has recently been issued against the '013 application, a copy of which is submitted herewith. Applicant respectfully submits that the rejections in view of the '013 application are thereby overcome.

**Regarding 11/095,542:**

Claims 1-18 have been provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting in view of claims 1-11 of application no. 11/095,542 (the '542 application).

Applicant advises that a voluntary amendment has been filed in the '542 application to replace all pending claims with a new set of claims directed to a method of calculating a sum of a plurality of point-multiples in a cryptographic scheme. Applicant encloses a copy of the voluntary amendment for the Examiner's convenience. Applicant respectfully submits that the claims submitted in the above-noted voluntary amendment are distinct from those in the present application, thereby rendering the double patenting rejections in view of the '542 application moot.

Accordingly, Applicant believes that all pending claims, namely claims 1-18 are in condition for allowance.

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Applicant requests early reconsideration and allowance of the present application.

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